

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4140

To direct the Election Assistance Commission to make grants to States to restore and replace election administration supplies, materials, and equipment which were damaged as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 25, 2005

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Ballot Access
5 for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Victims Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO STATES FOR RESTORING AND REPLAC-**
2 **ING ELECTION ADMINISTRATION SUPPLIES,**
3 **MATERIALS, AND EQUIPMENT DAMAGED BY**
4 **HURRICANES KATRINA OR RITA.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**—The Election
6 Assistance Commission shall make a grant to each eligible
7 State, in such amount as the Commission considers appro-
8 priate, for purposes of restoring and replacing supplies,
9 materials, and equipment used in the administration of
10 elections in the State which were damaged as a result of
11 Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, as determined on
12 the basis of such criteria as the Commission may establish.

13 (b) **ELIGIBILITY.**—A State is eligible to receive a
14 grant under this Act if it submits to the Commission (at
15 such time and in such form as the Commission may re-
16 quire) a certification that supplies, materials, and equip-
17 ment used in the administration of elections in the State
18 were damaged as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Hurri-
19 cane Rita.

20 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21 There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal
22 year 2006 for grants under this Act \$50,000,000, to re-
23 main available until expended.

